Hike in College Fees

29. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to hike college fees substantially;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Autonomy in Higher Education

30. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee, set up by Government to suggest measures for enhancing the autonomy in the higher education and institutionalize regulatory provisions for promoting autonomy and accountability of higher educational institutions, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations and observations contained therein; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main recommendations contained in the Report of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Autonomy of Higher Education Institutions are detailed in the Statement enclosed (*See* Below).

(c) The Report of the Committee was discussed at the meeting of the CABE held on July 14-15, 2005. After extensive discussions, the CABE has broadly accepted the Report of the Committee.